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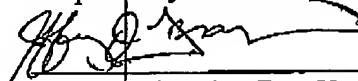
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Sir:

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on May 5, 2004, and the Official Updated Filing Receipt was mailed October 5, 2004. Since then, we have yet to receive an office action from the Patent Office regarding this application.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Commissioner advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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